

## Working Draft -- Forest Plan Revision Alternatives at a Glance -- Working Draft

(The time period for achieving objectives is 10 years unless stated otherwise.)

Existing 1987 Plan as Amended		Proposed Revised Plan		Vegetation & Wildlife Emphasis Alternative		Dispersed Recreation Emphasis Alternative	
NO ACTION: Alternative A		Alternative B		Alternative C		Alternative D	
VEGETATION/FIRE							
How much treatment activity is occurring within vegetation types? K = 1,000 acres	13.3K acres	O-1 Semi-Desert Grasslands: Fire	25K to 65K acres	Use more fire to improve grassland conditions	65K to 85K acres		25K to 65K acres
	0.4K acres	O-2 CP/GB Grasslands: Fire	1K to 5K acres	Use more fire to improve grassland conditions	5K to 10K acres		1K to 5K acres
	25K ac. Fire	O-3 Juniper Grasslands & PJ Ever. Shrub: Mechanical Treatments or Fire	20K to 90K acres	Treat fewer acres of juniper and PJ shrub	20K to 40K acres	Treat fewer acres of juniper and PJ shrub	20K to 40K acres
	3.1k ac. Mech	O-4 Interior Chaparral: Mechanical Treatments, Biomass Removal or Fire	40K to 100K acres	Treat fewer acres of interior chaparral	40K to 60K acres	Treat fewer acres of interior chaparral	40K to 60K acres
	44.4K ac. Fire	O-5 P pine & P pine evergreen oak: Timber Harvest	2.5K to 8K acres		2.5K to 8K acres		2.5K to 8K acres
	1.6K ac. Mech	O-5 P pine & P pine evergreen oak: Fire	25K to 50K acres	Use more fire to improve pine forest conditions	30K to 65K acres		25K to 50K acres
5.6K acres							
24.3K acres							
How are NNIS plant populations being managed?	project-level mitigations	O-6 Non-native invasive species: Control or eradicate recently located populations	75 to 95% w/in 1-2 yrs of detection		75 to 95% w/in 1-2 yrs of detection		75 to 95% w/in 1-2 yrs of detection
How are "sensitive" plant species currently protected?	project-level mitigations	Guidelines-Plants-1,-2,-3	3 Guidelines	Additional Guideline for Verde Formation Plants	4 Guidelines		3 Guidelines
RECREATION							
Developed Recreation Areas?	36	O-7 Add Developed Rec areas	2 to 5 areas		2 to 5 areas	Add fewer Developed Rec areas	1 to 2 areas
Designated Dispersed Camping Areas?	11	O-8 Add designated dispersed camping areas	1 to 4 areas		1 to 4 areas	Add more designated dispersed camping areas	2 to 6 areas
Developed Sites deferred maintenance? 2002 - \$1,012,420 2010 - \$121,580	88% reduction in Developed Sites DM	O-9 Reduce maintenance backlog	80 to 90% dev sites		80 to 90% dev sites	Reduce maintenance backlog less	50 to 60% dev sites
Trails deferred maintenance? 2002 - \$949,000 2010 - \$1,122,800 (est.)	18 % increse in Trails DM	O-9 Reduce maintenance backlog	50 to 70% trails	Reduce maintenance backlog less	35 to 50% trails		50-70% trails
Target shooting areas that now exist? (existing permit will not be renewed)	1	O-10 designated target shooting areas	1 area		1 area		1 area
Trailheads needing improvement?	To be determined	O-11 Improve trailheads	5 to 20 trailheads	Improve fewer trailheads	5 to 10 trailheads	Improve more trailheads	10 to 25 trailheads
Trail signage maintained annually?	3% - 5% annually	O-12 Maintain signage annually	10 to 20% annually		10 to 20% annually		10 to 20% annually
Recreational fishing oportunites? Horsethief Lake, Lynx Lake, Granite Basin Lake, Mingus Lake	2 treatments	O-13 Work with partners to enhance recreational fishing opportunities	2 lakes or ponds		2 lakes or ponds		2 lakes or ponds
Methods for visitor information? signs, paper maps & brochures, face to face contacts	4 methods	O-14 Develop additional methods for providing visitor information	2 to 5 methods		2 to 5 methods		2 to 5 methods
Wilderness boundary currently marked?	To be determined	O-15 Mark Wilderness Boundaries	2 to 5 areas		2 to 5 areas		2 to 5 areas

### Reviewing Hints:

The grey shaded horizontal lines denote "Needs for Change" categories, and below these are questions which highlight the differences among the alternatives.

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References such as "O-1" are abbreviations for the Objectives in Draft 4 of the proposed revised plan.

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You will see in Alternatives C and D that some of the lines are blank--this means that these Alternatives address the corresponding questions, the same way as the proposed revised plan (or Alternative B).

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Number of sites needing improvement or decommissioning: Granite Group Campground Kentuck Springs Campground	2 areas	O-16 Relocate, improve, or rehabilitate recreation areas that show resource damage	2 to 5 areas		2 to 5 areas		2 to 5 areas
How many trails meet DC conditions now?	To be determined	O-17 Improve designated trails to meet described conditions in DC-Rec-2-Trails	5 to 10 actions		5 to 10 actions	O-17 Improve designated trails to meet DC-Rec-2-Trails	<b>5 to 15 actions</b>
						<b>O-17A Construct New Trails</b>	<b>10 to 20 miles</b>
						<b>O-17B Decommission Trails</b>	<b>5 miles</b>

## WATERSHED INTEGRITY

What plan direction exists to address water quality, quantity and timing of delivery?	Estimate 8 to 12 projects	O-18 do projects to improve watershed conditions	20 to 50 projects		20 to 50 projects		20 to 50 projects
	10 acres and 17 segments improved	O-19 Improve conditions in identified improperly functioning and at risk riparian areas within 1 to 5 years of detection.	10 to 40% of identified areas		10 to 40% of identified areas		10 to 40% of identified areas
	30 miles	O-20 maintain or repair designated motorized roads or trails that impact watershed integrity	20 to 100 miles		20 to 100 miles		20 to 100 miles
	23 miles	O-21 obliterate, close, re-contour, or re-vegetate unauthorized routes that are impacting watershed integrity	minimum 10 miles		minimum 10 miles		minimum 10 miles
	2 crossings	O-22 Improve crossings of streams/drainages by roads or trails	15 to 25 crossings		15 to 25 crossings		15 to 25 crossings
	12 sites	O-23 Enhance and restore ground water dependent ecosystem sites	25 to 55 sites		25 to 55 sites		25 to 55 sites

## AQUATIC AND TERRESTRIAL WILDLIFE HABITAT

What plan direction exists to address native fish habitat?	76 acres of tamarisk treatment along Verde W/S River	O-24 During the 10 years following Plan approval, work with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to restore native fish species	2 to 3 stream reaches	O-24 During the 10 years following Plan approval, work with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to restore native fish species	<b>4 to 6 stream reaches</b>		2 to 3 stream reaches
What plan direction exists to address pronghorn habitat?	Estimated at 2 miles	O-25 Modify or remove fence to prevent impacting pronghorn antelope movement.	3 to 5 miles	O-25 Modify or remove fence to prevent impacting pronghorn antelope movement.	<b>10 to 15 miles</b>		3 to 5 miles
	4,750 acres improved	O-26 Improve pronghorn habitat quality	15K to 90K acres	O-26 Improve pronghorn habitat quality	<b>50K to 85K acres</b>		15K to 90K acres
		O-27 Treat pronghorn migration corridors to reduce woody species	2 to 3 corridors	O-27 Treat pronghorn migration corridors to reduce woody species	<b>3 to 6 corridors</b>		2 to 3 corridors
	5 water developments	O-28 Cooperate with AZGFD to improve water developments for wildlife	3 to 15 waters	O-28 Cooperate with AZGFD to improve water developments for wildlife	<b>5 to 15 waters</b>		3 to 15 waters

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OPEN SPACE, LAND ADJUSTMENT, AND SCENIC VALUES

How much land has been acquired under the current plan?	To be determined	O-29 Act on opportunities to acquire lands in the Verde Verde River and elsewhere to retain open space values and protect and enhance riparian habitat	up to 10		up to 10		up to 10
VQO classes at Grief Hill and Black Canyon: <b>Black Canyon IRA 1986 VQO classes:</b> 3B_M, Bg1B_PR, Fg2B_PR, MG1B_PR, Mg1C_PR, Mg2B_M. <b>Grief Hill IRA 1986 VQO classes:</b> 3B_M, 3C_MM, Fg1B_R, Fg1C_PR, Mg1B_PR.		More restrictive SMS classes on SIO map	Grief Hill	More restrictive SMS classes on SIO map	<b>Grief Hill and Black Canyon</b>	More restrictive SMS classes on SIO map	<b>Grief Hill and Black Canyon</b>

CONCURRENT PROCESSES

Designated Wilderness Acres	104,483	Additional Recommended Wilderness Acres	43,440	Additional Recommended Wilderness Acres	0	Additional Recommended Wilderness Acres	116,262
Juniper Mesa	7,554	Apache Creek A	1,975	Emphasis on improving vegetation and wildlife desired conditions involves more management activity such as prescribed fire, mechanical removal of vegetation, or stream renovation over more areas of the PNF, in order to provide for an increased rate of change toward desired conditions. Therefore no PWAs included.		Apache Creek A	1,975
Apache Creek	5,498	Apache Creek B	3,813			Apache Creek B	3,813
Sycamore	25,870	Bald Mountain	7,662			Arnold Mesa	20,815
Woodchute	5,750	Black Canyon	9,617			Ash Creek	16,086
Cedar Bench	15,999	Castle Creek Contiguous	4,925			Castle Creek Contiguous	4,925
Pine Mountain	8,761	Juniper Mesa	4,891			Cedar Bench A	1,949
Granite Mt.	9,825	Sycamore Canyon A	4,435			Cedar Bench B	644
Castle Creek	25,226	Sycamore Canyon C	6,122			Fritsche B	15,596
		Recommended Wilderness Area selection based on: a) Improvement to existing Wilderness b) Concentration of larger area of non-motorized experience in the Northwest portion of the Forest to blend with Management Area Desired Conditions c) Consideration of public concerns including open space concerns in the Verde Valley and concerns of permittees.					
						Muldoon	20,428
						Pine Mountain B	2,808
						Pine Mountain C	9,476
						Sycamore Canyon A	4,435
						Sycamore Canyon B	789
						Sycamore Canyon C	6,122
						Woodchute	1,510
						Emphasis on providing a wide range of non-motorized and motorized experiences and locations. Motorized activity remains nearly the same as Alt A. Expectation is that motorized game retrieval will not impact ability of PWAs to provide wilderness character should be they be designated.	

Reviewing Hints:

The grey shaded horizontal lines are used on this page and the following page to denote a concurrent process category and suitability categories.

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Only one concurrent process--recommended wilderness--is included in this chart, and the columns under each Alternative display how the recommended wilderness differs for